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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 8-227211, 2000-227710, 8-62923, 11-73012, and 7-117783 are discussed beginning at page 2, line 2 in the specification.

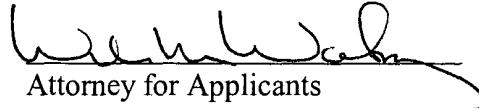
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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		7-117783	12/18/95	Japan			No
		8-62923	03/08/96	Japan			Abstract
		8-227211	09/03/96	Japan			Abstract
		11-73012	03/16/99	Japan			Abstract
		2000-227710	08/15/00	Japan			Abstract

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